

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments herein, formal allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Examiner has indicated that claim 16 is allowable over the prior art of record and would be allowed if amended to independent form. In response, Applicant has added the subject matter of allowable claim 16 to independent claim 11, so that all of the pending claims will be in condition for allowance. As a result, claim 16 has been canceled.

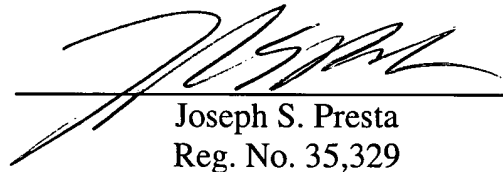
Applicant has made these amendments without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application to further pursue the protection of patentable subject matter.

Formal allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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